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The health authorities are cognizant of the existence of several more cases but they did not think it necessary that I should see them as they were united in the opinion that there was no doubt about the diagnosis. At the present time there are 7 houses within the corporate limits of the city in which cases of smallpox have been discovered. The persons actually sick with the disease have been removed to the smallpox hospital, other inmates of the houses forbidden to leave them and guards placed over them in some places, but the houses have not as yet been disinfected. There are between Clarksburg and Wallace 2 known infected dwellings, and judging from the report of Dr. Robard all of the construction camps along the "Short Line" Railroad must be considered as foci of infection. With the disease as widely distributed as it is, I am of the opinion that very resolute measures will be necessary to secure its eradication, and most strongly would I urge greater persistence in the matter of vaccination, and instead of vaccinating only those persons who apply of their own volition, as is now the case, would suggest house-to-house visitation and vaccination of all who do not absolutely refuse, coupled, of course, with such of the other recommended procedures as it is possible to employ.

Respectfully,

W. CHESTER BILLINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Respectfully forwarded.

GEO. PURVIANCE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Vessels from West Indian ports inspected at Reedy Island Quarantine.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., November 25, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival on November 23 of Norwegian steamship *Frey*, from Martinique via St. Jago de Cuba, with iron ore; no passengers; Santiago bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *December 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have to report the arrival at this port, during the week ended to-day, the following-named vessels: November 26, British steamship *Accomac*, from Daiquiri, with iron ore. November 28, British steamship *Benwick*, from Daiquiri, with iron ore. November 30, British steamship *Drummond*, from Santiago de Cuba, with iron ore; Norwegian steamship *Hero*, from Daiquiri, with iron ore; American schooner *John A. Matheson*, from San Andres, Colombia, with cocoanuts. December 1, British steamship *Homeric*, from Daiquiri, with iron ore.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

Reports from the Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex., November 24, 1900—Inspection service.—I have the honor to transmit herewith summary of work at this station, for the week ended November 24, 1900: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passenger trains, 112 persons; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad